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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Rambabu Bavirisetty, Office of Federal Transportation Program

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 5 for the Madera County
Transportation Commission (MCTC)

FTA has completed its review of the Madera County Transportation Commission FY 2000/01 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 5 that was submitted with your letter on January 16, 2002. The Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) metropolitan planning organization, pursuant to an executed agreement with the MCTC, approved and adopted MCTC's air quality conformity documentation for the regional transportation plan (RTP) and amended FTIP. The conformity analysis provided by MCTC and conformity determination adopted by COFCG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

MCTC's Amendment No. 5 makes various revisions to the Transit Element:

- adds a FY 2001/02 CMAQ project -- transit operating assistance -- in the City of Madera;
- adds two Section 5311 projects, both involving operating assistance for Madera and Chowchilla transit (FY 2002/03).

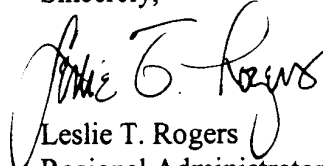
We find that this TIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 of the Federal Transit Act.

Based on our review, we find that the MCTC FY 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP Amendment No. 5 conforms to the applicable SIPs in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.126. This approval was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule* and the Memorandum of Understanding on single

mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter constitutes the FTA approval for the inclusion of MCTC's 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP, through Amendment No. 5, into California's 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie T. Rogers".

Leslie T. Rogers
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